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In re Application of: MOTOKI KATO

Attorney Docket No. SONY-P4021
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Serial No.: 08/180,613

Filed: January 13, 1994

For: APPARATUS FOR ENCODING AND DECODING HEADER DATA IN PICTURE SIGNAL TRANSMISSION

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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4. Petition for extension of time. The undersigned attorney of record hereby petitions for an extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), as may be required, to file this response.

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 22, 1996,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

1. (Twice Amended) A picture encoding apparatus for forming an encoded P picture signal [of a layer structure composed of a plurality of layers], comprising:

memory means for storing first control data included in header data of [a predetermined layer subsequent to identification data] a P picture to control a P picture encoding condition;

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